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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent of:

Yasuhisa YAMADA et al.

Patent No.: 7,322,607

Appln. No.: 10/504,815

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For: TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR STEERING OF VEHICLE, AND TELESCOPIC SHAFT
FOR STEERING OF VEHICLE WITH CARDAN SHAFT JOINT

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**REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF
CORRECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.322**

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Certificate
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of Correction

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.322 and 35 U.S.C. §254, the Patentees respectfully request expedited issuance of a Certificate of Correction in accordance with the attached Form PTO/SB/44. In particular, the title of the invention is incorrect and the fifth inventor should be deleted.

To facilitate expedited processing of this Request, copies of the following are provided herewith:

1. Regarding the correct title, see the accompanying copies of the application Transmittal Letter, the Declaration, and page 1 of the specification
2. Regarding the inventorship, see the accompanying copies of the Request to Correct Inventorship dated August 2, 2007, and the Bibliographic Data Sheet subsequently obtained from PAIR and reflecting deletion of the fifth inventor (for reasons unknown, this data sheet appears to have been removed from the image file wrapper).

Since the errors to be corrected occurred on the part of the Patent Office, no fee is believed to be due in connection with this Request. However, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page, item (54), the title should read as follows :

**(54) TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR STEERING VEHICLE AND TELESCOPIC
SHAFT FOR STEERING VEHICLE WITH CARDAN SHAFT JOINT**

On the title page, item (75), the listing of inventors should read as follows :

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TITLE OF INVENTION

TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR STEERING VEHICLE AND TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR STEERING VEHICLE WITH
CARDAN SHAFT JOINT

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YAMADA, Yasuhisa; SHODA, Akhiro; OZAWA, Atsushi; YUKAWA, Kinji; and YAMADA, Takatsugu

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
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5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
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7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
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 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
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12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

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Priority Claimed YES NO

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2002-170552 JAPAN
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2003-004774 JAPAN
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DESCRIPTION

TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR STEERING OF VEHICLE, AND

5 TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR STEERING OF VEHICLE WITH CARDAN
SHAFT JOINT

Technical Field

10 The present invention relates to a telescopic
shaft for steering of a vehicle and a telescopic
shaft for steering of a vehicle with a Cardan shaft
joint.

Background Arts

15 In a steering apparatus for a vehicle, an
intermediate shaft is provided, for instance, between
a Cardan shaft joint provided on the side of a
steering shaft and a Cardan shaft joint provided on
the side of a steering gear.

20 The intermediate shaft is constructed of a male
shaft and a female shaft that are so spline-fitted,
etc. as not to be rotatable but to be slidable on
each other. The intermediate shaft is structured to
be capable of transferring a steering torque in a
25 high rigidity state while preventing a backlash in
order to surely transfer the steering torque given
from a driver to the steering gear, absorbing an

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REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)
TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the inventorship of this application be corrected by deleting Takatsugu YAMADA as a named inventor.

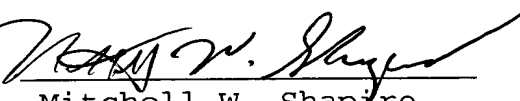
As a result of the cancellation of claims by the Amendment dated December 28, 2006, the invention of Takatsugu YAMADA is no longer being claimed in this application.

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and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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